

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

Case:2:20-cr-20517 Judge: Hood, Denise Page

MJ: Grand, David R. Filed: 10-28-2020 At 01:11 PM

INDI USA V. SEALED MATTER (DA)

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D-1 STEPHEN SHIPPS,

Defendant.	

GOVERNMENT'S MOTION AND SUPPORTING BRIEF TO SEAL INDICTMENT AND ARREST WARRANT

The United States of America hereby moves for an order sealing the indictment, arrest warrant, and all attendant papers in this case and states:

- 1. The indictment in this case charges the defendant with one or more federal crimes.
- 2. Rule 6(e)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure provides:
 - (4) Sealed Indictment. The magistrate judge to whom an indictment is returned may direct that the indictment be kept secret until the defendant is in custody or has been released pending trial. The clerk must then seal the indictment, and no person may disclose the indictment's existence except as necessary to issue or execute a warrant or summons.

Fed.R.Crim.P. 6(e)(4).

3. The government requests that the indictment be sealed because it is concerned that the defendant may attempt to flee, destroy evidence, or

intimidate witnesses if the indictment becomes a matter of public record before the defendant is arrested.

WHEREFORE, the government requests this Court to issue an order sealing the indictment, arrest warrant, and all attendant papers for Stephen Shipps.

Respectfully submitted,

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

HON. R. STEVEN WHALEN United States Magistrate Judge

Entered: October 28, 2020